

07 Commentary

Instructions:

Your story should be written on your own 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper. Write neatly and use blue or black ink on your final copy.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SCHOOL NAME ON YOUR PAPER. WRITE YOUR CONTESTANT NUMBER ON THE UPPER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF EACH SHEET.

WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR

- Commentary makes good use of provided sources.
- Writer's opinion is clear.
- Commentary addresses the high school audience.
- Voice of the commentary makes the reader think about the subject in a new light.
- First person is used effectively.
- Commentary follows AP style.
- Commentary contains few errors in conventions.
- Commentary uses resources for support of argument.

Assignment:

You will read several provided material sources on a contemporary topic. Knowledge of current events is beneficial in this contest. You will write a commentary in ink of no more than 350 words, following the instructions from the moderator. Use the material sources for information. You may not make up additional facts or quotes. Contestants need to be careful not to use any reference to their schools or publications.

Topic:

Tablets vs. Textbooks in Schools